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Reverend John W. Wilder Service Of Ordination

The Reverend John W. Wilder was ordained to the Christian ministry on Sunday, December 13, 1964. The service was held at the Mt. Olive Congregational Christian Church, Tallassee, Alabama.

Pictured above are some of the participants in the service. L to R: Rev. John W. Wilder, Rev. G. G. Norris, Mrs. Jettie Logan, Rev. Bill J. Traylor, Rev. George R. Watson, and Rev. William M. Fulmer.

The ordination of Mr. Wilder was approved by the Central Alabama Association at its annual meeting in October of 1964.

The ordination sermon was delivered by Rev. William M. Fulmer, pastor of the Watson's Chapel and the Balm of Gilead Churches.

Superintendent James H. Lightbourne, Jr. administered the vows of ordination and led the ordaining prayer.

Mr. Wilder has served the Mt. Olive Church for several years while continuing his education. At present he is in his senior year at Huntingdon College, Montgomery, Alabama, and plans to graduate this spring.

Following the impressive service the participants and those in attendance were invited to a delightful reception. The reception, which was held in the church social hall, was planned and served by the ladies of the church.

Board Homeland Ministries Calls Rev. Dr. S. Gary Oniki

The Rev. Dr. S. Garry Oniki, New York City, has been named associate to the Rev. Dr. Truman B. Douglass, executive vice-president of the Board for Homeland Ministries of the United Church of Christ.

Dr. Douglass announced that Dr. Oniki will act as his deputy with special attention to correlation of the work of the Board's divisions.

The divisions of the Board are responsible for the denomination's work in the development of new churches, church finance and building, race relations, higher education, urban and rural church programs, Christian education, publishing, evangelism, health and welfare services, and research.

Dr. Oniki has been serving as executive coordinator of the United Church's two-years (1963-65) crash program for racial justice. He will continue to carry on the responsibilities of that post until July but will begin his new duties January 1.

Earlier Dr. Oniki was secretary for racial and cultural relations of the denomination's Council for Christian Social Action and consultant on inter-group relations to the Urban Church Department of the Board for Homeland Ministries. He joined the national staff in July, 1962, after serving two years with the National Council of Churches as associate director of the Department of Racial and Cultural Relations in the Division of Christian Life and Work.

He was minister of social service at the Church of the Master and executive director of the Morningside Community Center in New York from 1951 to 1960.

A native of Los Angeles, California, Dr. Oniki was educated at Berea (Kentucky) College (B. A. 1945), Yale Divinity School (B. D. 1948, S. T. M. 1950) and Columbia University Teachers College (Ed. D. 1960).

He is also a member of various organizations and committees and professional societies.



Pisgah Church Installs Rev. Luther E. Hollaway

The Rev. Luther Earl Hollaway was installed as pastor of the Pisgah Congregational Christian Church, Pisgah, Alabama, on Sunday, December 6, 1964.

The Rev. Guy L. Colbert, Pastor-at-Large of the North Alabama Association, conducted the service. Dr. Colbert has been supply pastor for the church for the past year.

Pictured above, from left to right, are Rev. Mr. Hollaway, Rev. Mr. Colbert, H. P. Beaird, secretary of the East Alabama Association, Rev. Mr. Ford, pastor of the local Baptist Church, and Rev. W. Walter Hall, vice-moderator of the East Alabama Association and pastor of the Lanett CC Church.

Supt. James H. Lightbourne, Jr. delivered the installation sermon.

Rev. and Mrs. Hollaway and family make their home in Scottsboro, Alabama. Mr. Hollaway is the principal of Section High School not far from Scottsboro.

Previously the Rev. Mr. Hollaway served as chaplain at the Gracewood State School, Augusta, Georgia.

The Pisgah community is located on top of Sand Mountain in north Alabama. The church is small, but is needed in the community. It is aided by the East Association and the Southeast Convention. The church is fortunate to have the services of Mr. Hollaway.

Pilgrim Church Marks Fiftieth Anniversary

The Reverend Doctor Fred S. Buschmeyer, secretary of the United Church of Christ, delivered the sermon at the Pilgrim Congregational Church, Chattanooga, Tennessee, on Sunday, December 6, 1964.

The service celebrated the Fiftieth Anniversary of the church and also marked the 20th anniversary of the ministry of Rev. and Mrs. Arnold Slater to the church.

On Sunday afternoon the historical presentation, "A Time of Remembrance", was given to a full sanctuary. Pictures and narration were skillfully woven together to trace the life of Pilgrim Church through the years. Mr. and Mrs. Allison Slagle were responsible for this part of the observance. Mrs. R. A. Kampmeir was the narrator.

The Anniversary Tea was held immediately following the program. The ten living charter members were honored at the tea and presented a photograph recently taken of the group.

During the ministry of Rev. Arnold Slater the church completed a successful program of relocation and the construction of new church facilities. The buildings, of contemporary design, have attracted favorable notice far and wide.

Pilgrim Congregational Church long has been a key church of the denomination and the Southeast Convention.

While there were earlier Congregational activities in and around the city, Pilgrim Church was organized in Chattanooga in 1914. The American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions started a mission and school for the Cherokee Indians at Brainerd in 1817. The mission operated until 1838 when the Indians were moved west on the tragic "Trail of Tears."

A Congregational Church was started about 1871, but this group later united with the Second Presbyterian Church. In 1893 the Union Congregational Church was established in East Lake. This congregation united with Pilgrim Congregational Church in 1944.

In addition to Mr. Slater, the church has been served by Rev. Charles Haven Myers (1914-20, Rev. Marston S. Freeman, 1920-27, Rev. C. Rexford Raymond, 1927-32, and Rev. Alfred W. Hurst, 1933-44.

Church Concern For Older People Urged

The American ideal of old age is that of the sturdily independent and self-sufficient individual who is reasonably happy and healthy, and who has a secure place in the affections and lives of relatives and neighbors.

These are the opening lines of a new booklet called PROTECTIVE SERVICES FOR OLDER PERSONS, published by the Bureau of Family Services in the Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

In reality, of course, the definition has to be modified for a good many people. Some oldsters are more crotchety than cheerful. Those who are slightly deaf or somewhat crippled with arthritis find it a bit difficult to get around. There are those who need help in finding their glasses, or whose brush with senility sets them apart from others in the community.

But the alarming fact is that twenty per cent of our older people have problems much more complex than these, and they are living alone without the protective services their conditions require. In our headlong dash to create more and more retirement centers for the aging, the Church simply has not given enough attention to those who are living marginally, or sub-marginally, in our own communities.

It is comforting to know that public welfare has assumed a major responsibility for our older people. Financial assistance, legal aid, minimal casework service, and some medical care are a part of public welfare's contribution to the distressed segment of our retiree population. Continuing efforts to strengthen these programs deserve our understanding and support.

But the problem will not be solved by public welfare services alone. The sheer increase in the number of older people has sky-rocketed the dilemma at an alarming rate. Social mobility is separating more and more of these people from families that might have been expected to provide protection and help. Discriminatory practices in employment are eroding the sense of personal dignity and usefulness which is essential to successful and independent living.

The sordid truth is that many older people, living within the communities

Profiles Of Promise New Film Available

To tell the story of what churches are doing through Church World Service to help people in need overseas the new film PROFILES OF PROMISE has been produced and is available for showing in the local churches.

PROFILES OF PROMISE is a 28-minute long 16 mm film. It is available to the churches of the convention for their use through the Southeast Convention Office, 673 Piedmont Avenue N. E., Atlanta, Ga. 30308. The only cost is return postage.

our churches serve, are existing in sub-standard housing because it is all their meager assistance checks will permit. Many who have lost wife or husband find the preparation of proper diets burdensome and meaningless, and are literally suffering from malnutrition. Thousands sit listlessly, day after day, without any sense of involvement in the stream of life that flows just outside their window.

These are the people for whom forced retirement comes as an inescapable trap. They retreat into monotonous obscurity because they believe they have been discarded, forgotten. And they are right!

An unlimited opportunity confronts the church for providing needed protective services to older people. Public welfare, with all of its efforts, cannot supply the personal reassurance, the involvement in church and community, and the maintenance of dignity and usefulness which neighbors and concerned friends are in a position to offer.

If you are interested in becoming engaged in this desperately needed ministry to older people, and would like more information on the opportunities for service, write for the P. A. Report No. 54 called PROTECTIVE SERVICES FOR OLDER PERSONS. It can be obtained for twenty cents from the Superintendent of Documents, U. S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C. 20402.

(This article was provided by the Division of Health and Welfare Services of the Board for Homeland Ministries of the United Church of Christ.)

Extend Your Horizons
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United Church Glossary Guide For Church Members

With the advent of the United Church of Christ, a new set of terms has come into being. The following glossary may be of help:

United Church of Christ: Our denominational name, not to be confused with another denomination known as the Church of Christ.

General Synod: The representative body of the United Church of Christ.

Instrumentalities: The established boards, commissions, councils and other agencies through which the United Church of Christ does its work.

Board of World Ministries: The instrumentality of the United Church of Christ for the planning and conduct of its program of mission and service abroad and of emergency relief anywhere.

Board for Homeland Ministries: The instrumentality for the planning and conduct of the homeland mission not otherwise assigned. Included are such concerns as National Missions, Christian Education and Publication, etc.

Councils: Agencies at the denominational level which carry the concerns of the United Church of Christ. Included are —

- The Council for Higher Education
- The Council for Health and Welfare
- The Council for Christian Social Action
- The Council for Church and Ministry
- The Council for Lay Life and Work
- The Stewardship Council

Conference: A body of the United Church of Christ composed of all local churches in a geographical area (often along State lines).

Association: A subdivision of the Conference.

Commissions: A "Committee" at the Conference level.

Committee: That body at the Association level which corresponds to the Commission at the Conference level.

United Church Herald: The denominational organ of the United Church of Christ.

Missionary Letter From Japan For Children

My name is Tomohiko. I live in a small town called Narugo. The nearest big city is Sendai.

I am in the second grade in the school in our town, and every month I receive a magazine for boys my age. Perhaps you have guessed by now that I am eight years old. The school is near the station and I like to watch the trains go past. They go right past our home, too.

There are many things I like to do. One thing I like is baseball. We have a lot of mountains all around us and it is hard to find a flat place to play ball, but we have one. I like to read, too, and Aesop's Fables are just fine. Last year I wanted to be a policeman when I grow up, but now I think it would be better to be a ball player.

I have a big brother Makihiko. He goes to school on the train and wears a uniform with brass buttons and a school cap. I come up to his elbow. My sister goes on the train to school too. Her name is Megumi. I come up to her shoulder.

Then I have another brother Nobuhiko who is a little older and Naohiko who is a little younger. Maybe you are wondering why all the boys' names have the same ending. It is an ending for a boy's name.

My little brother wanted to be a heavenly god, but then he found out there is only one god and it would be impossible to be God. So now he wants to be a judo player. We know about God because we go to Sunday School every Sunday. You see my mother is the minister of the church in our town. It is the only Christian church. Every time we go to Sunday school our teacher gives us a pretty card with a Bible verse to paste in our book. If we have 52 cards, that shows we have been every Sunday for a whole year.

My father is blind. He had measles when he was three years old and his eyes got very bad, and he was blind a long time before I was born. He hears what we're saying when he's not even near us.

My father takes care of a kindergarten for 80 children, but they don't all come every day. He has five teachers who help him with the children.

Our town is a hot springs town. There are over 50 hotels and people



SEC PF-YF Annual Meeting March 20-21

The Executive Board of the Southeast Convention Pilgrim Fellowship met in Atlanta on Tuesday, December 29, 1964, to make plans for the months immediately ahead.

The board set the dates for the 1965 annual meeting of the Southeast Convention PF/YF for Saturday and Sunday, March 20-21. Pilgrim Congregational Church, Chattanooga, Tenn., will be host to the meeting.

Pictured above, left to right, are the young people who were in attendance: Linda Williams (representing the Valley Young People), Penny Edge, (Faith Commission Chairman), Jeff Carstens (Fellowship Commission Chairman), Mike Cozza (representing host church for annual meeting), Jimmy Lightbourne (president, SEC PF), Tina Beder (recording secretary, SEC PF), Lee Harris (vice-president, SEC PF), Melanie McWilliams (president, Tennessee-Kentucky PF), Mike Culpepper (treasurer, SEC PF).

The theme chosen for the 1965 annual meeting is "The Church: Relevant or Irrelevant." The theme hymn will be "He Who Would Valiant Be".

Mike Cozza, Chattanooga, Tenn., was appointed by the group to serve as chairman of the nominating committee to report at the March meeting.

come from all over to take hot baths and try to get over whatever it is that makes them feel bad. There is a funny smell from the water which people say smells like bad eggs. I don't notice it; no one does who lives here.

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Superintendent's Corner

The other day, just before New Year's Day, someone asked me what my greatest disappointment was in 1964. The answer was easily given—the failure of the Southeast Convention to approve the plan for the formation of a United Church Conference in this area.

Had the person gone on to ask what my greatest hope for the convention in 1965 would be, the answer could have been just as easily given—approval of the plan to form the United Church Conference by the annual meeting of the convention in April of this year.

All over the country the Congregational Christian conferences and conventions and the Evangelical and Reformed Church synods have been engaged in the formation of new conferences. New conferences have been formed or there is basic agreement for their formation in every area except one. That one is the Southeast Convention.

If we wish to maintain our historical relationship to the Congregational Christian Churches and move into the future with the fellowship of churches of which we have so long been a part, then we must take the steps necessary to form a United Church Conference in this area which will include the present churches of the convention, the approximately 25 Negro churches of the Convention of the South located in this area, and the 4 Evangelical and Reformed Churches in Alabama and Tennessee.

Time is running out for us. Others are moving ahead. Soon we will be left behind if we lack the courage, the faith, and the commitment to make the

HERE AND THERE NEWS IN BRIEF

Rev. Collie Seymour

Rev. Collie Seymour, who served several churches in the Southeast Convention, recently completed his pastoral duties with the Apple's Chapel United Church of Christ and began his work with the Shallow Well United Church of Christ on December 20th. The latter church is located near Sanford, North Carolina.

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Georgia Council of Churches

The 1964 annual meeting of the Georgia Council of Churches was held November 24 in Atlanta. Elected president to succeed Rev. James H. Lightbourne, Jr., who has served in that office for the past two years, was Dr. Harry V. Richardson, president of the Interdenominational Theological Center. Dr. Richardson is the first Negro to serve as president of the council.

Rev. Edward A. Driscoll, a minister of the United Church of Christ and a member of Central Congregational Church and the Georgia-South Carolina Conference, is executive secretary of the council.

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Kentucky - Tennessee PF

The fall meeting of the Kentucky-Tennessee Pilgrim Fellowship was held at Pleasant Hill, Tennessee, on Saturday, November 21. About 100 young people and their adult advisors were in attendance.

This group includes the young people of both the white and Negro CC churches in Tennessee and Kentucky. Elected to succeed Mike Cozza, of Chattanooga, Tenn., as president was Melanie McWilliams of Second Church, Memphis, Tenn. Dr. John Charles Mickle, pastor of Second Church, is the new Adult Advisor.

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New Hope Thrift Shop

The New Hope Church, Clio, Ala., recently started a Thrift Shop to serve the community. It is under the direction of Miss Janie Teal. Churches and church groups of the convention are invited to send used clothing to the shop in order to help it maintain a sufficient stock on hand. Clothing should be sent to: The Thrift Shop, New Hope Church, % Miss Janie Teal, Rt. 2, Arifton, Alabama.

decision that is before us. Let 1965 be our year of Christian decision!

HERE AND THERE NEWS IN BRIEF

Youth Week — 1965

Youth Week is a nation-wide observance by Christian Youth in the churches and communities emphasizing youth work and unity in Christ. It is a program of the denominations working together through the United Christian Youth Movement.

The theme for the 1965 observance is "Songs for a Small Planet." Youth Week is January 31-February 7.

The complete Youth Week Packet costs \$1.35. It should be ordered from: Office of P and D

National Council of Churches

637 West 125th Street

New York, New York 10027

Payment by check or money order to the National Council of Churches should be sent with your order.

Every church in the convention is encouraged to observe Youth Week and Youth Sunday (January 31).

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Churchmen's Washington

Seminar

The 1965 Churchmen's Washington Seminar will be held February 23-26, 1965, at the Church of the Reformation, 212 East Capital Street, Washington, D. C.

The seminar provides an opportunity for religious leaders to study the operation of the Federal Government at its source. It also offers its participants opportunities for direct contact with government official personnel through personal or group interviews and panel discussions. Attendance is limited to 300 persons and is open to ministers as well as laymen and women.

The registration fee of \$15 includes the cost of four special meals. Other meals and lodging are in addition.

For information write to: Dr. Lewis I. Maddocks, United Church of Christ, 110 Maryland Avenue, N. E., Washington, D. C. 20002.

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Ga. - Ala. Summer Camp

The Georgia-Alabama Junior High and Senior High Summer Camps are scheduled to be held at the group camp of the Laura Walker State Park, Waycross, Georgia, the week of August 1-7.

Now is the time for young people to begin making plans to attend summer camp. Additional information will be sent to the churches later.

Various Activities

At Lanett Church

Homecoming was held at the Lanett Congregational Christian Church on Sunday, September 6, 1964, with Rev. Lawrence L. Stanley, a former pastor, bringing the message.

Lait Sunday was observed at our church with the laymen and lay women in complete charge. Mr. Bobby McClure, a former member of our church, brought the message. Mrs. Herbert Alexander, Mr. Davis Holman, Mrs. Calvin Dollar, Mr. "Bo" Spear, Miss Kate Hill, Mrs. Walter Hall, and Mrs. Dobbs Stodghill each taking a part. The choir sang "Holy Art Thou" as their special number, which was under the direction of Mr. Wayne Whitman.

One of the outstanding things in our church is the election of Mr. Wayne Whitman, a local boy, as our music director of the entire church. Wayne is about 22 years old, has had two years at the Cincinnati (Ohio) Conservatory. He is at present in LaGrange College, LaGrange, Georgia. He will go to Auburn in January and back to Cincinnati next fall for his senior year. We are indeed fortunate to have this young man "who was born with perfect pitch" with us. The salary we pay is his way of paying some of his expenses in college and in serving God.

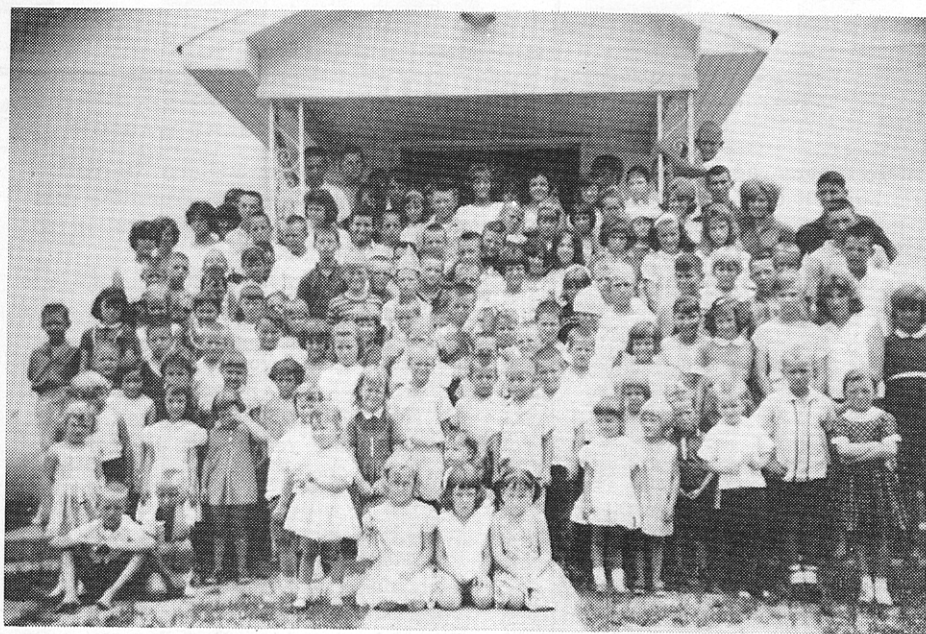
November 22nd is Harvest Day at Southern Union College at Wadley, Alabama, and we are looking forward as always in doing our share in this event.

The Women's Fellowship has for its local project to raise money to refinish the Grade School Department of Sunday School. Last year we gave \$277.65 on this project. The grade school classes gave \$48.56 in their assembly offering on this project so you see they are really interested in having their department refinished with all modern equipment.

We would not forget the great work our laymen are doing, but the greatest work they are doing is their "Laymen's Friday Night Prayer Meeting." Here souls are really coming face to face with God and they are really growing in their spiritual life.

Our new officers for Sunday School are as follows:

Mr. H. P. Beard, Superintendent



CADDO DAILY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Mr. Donald Harmon, Assistant Superintendent

Miss Charlotte Humphrey, Secretary
Miss Carolyn Keeves, Assistant Secretary

Cradle Roll Department: Mrs. Charlie Miller, Superintendent

Pre-School Dept.: Mrs. E. G. Shaddix, Superintendent; Teachers — Miss Becky Sorrell, Mrs. Janice Poole, Mrs. John Hand

Grade School Dept.: Mrs. A. D. Harry, Superintendent; 1st Grade Teachers — Mrs. Jack Stapler and Mrs. Calvin Still; 2nd Grade Teachers — Mrs. Jim Gaither; 3rd and 4th Grade Teachers — Mrs. Marvene Milford and Mrs. Irene Kelley; 5th and 6th—Mrs. Fred Watts and Mr. Fred Watts

Jr. and Sr. High School Dept.: 7th and 8th Grade, Mrs. Frank Moon, Mrs. Corinne Collier; 9th and 10th, Mrs. H. P. Beard, Mrs. Jackie Holman; 11th and 12th, Mr. E. G. Shaddix; Young Adults, Mrs. Dahlia Holley, Mrs. Hazel Lashley.

Our church staff is: Pastor, Rev. W. Walter Hall; Church Clerk, Miss Bill Spear; Financial Secretary, Mr. Charlie Miller; Treasurer, Miss Kate Hill; Building Fund Treasurer, Mr. Harold Spear; Church News Reporter, Miss Nonnie Looser; Greeting Committee, Mrs. F. M. Robinson, Mrs. Jack Pace.

(Miss) Nonnie Looser, Reporter

Caddo Church Reports Successful Year In '64

We, the Congregational Christian Church at Caddo, feel we are completing a very successful year. Our Bible school was a great success with 140 children attending. 125 received certificates. Eighteen men and women hauled pupils and taught in the school. Our picnic and program closing day were enjoyed by children and parents and visitors with more food than all could eat.

We had a good revival with a big attendance each service, and four new members joined the church.

Our Lord's Acre cotton patch was very successful also. We had no trouble at all getting the cotton worked and gathered. The money will go for new pews and for finishing the floor.

Our newly organized Sunday Night Bible Study has classes for all ages. The auditorium has a new coat of paint inside. We are at present working on our Christmas program. Our young people will sing carols at two rest homes.

Mrs. Eva Shelton

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REVEREND DOCTOR ALBERT RAY VAN CLEAVE

By REV. DOUGLAS WASSON

Many years ago a young Indiana farm boy felt God's call to give himself to the service of the church through Christian education. Now, after 55 years of teaching, Dr. Albert Ray Van Cleave can look back over the years with a sense of deep satisfaction.

When Southern Union College became an institution of the State of Alabama in the fall of 1964, Dr. Van Cleave retired as Dean of the college. But he is not completely retired — far from it. This distinguished educator, known throughout the South as a minister, teacher, counselor, and friend, is very much active as the pastor of the Wadley Congregational Christian Church, moderator of the East Alabama Association of Congregational Christian Churches . . . in addition to numerous civic activities.

"Dr. Van," as he is affectionately known by his hundreds of devoted friends, was born on a farm near Terre Haute, Indiana, in 1889. He attended the rural schools of the area and graduated from Farmersburg High School with the highest average recorded in the 50 year history of the school.

After passing a state teaching examination, he began his teaching career in a one-room school. Saving most of his meager salary, he enrolled at Union Christian College in Merom, Indiana, and began his collegiate training. He taught again between his freshman and sophomore years but returned to complete his work in 1913.

For the next three years, he was principal at Graysville, Indiana, High School and then took a year of mission work at a new college sponsored by the General Convention of Christian Churches in Jireh, Wyoming, a venture which was cut short by World War I.

He entered the U. S. Army in 1918, serving with the Army of Occupation for six months plus another six months in England. He reports that the German armies began retreating the day his ship landed in Liverpool but he claims no personal credit for the change in events!

Returning to America, Dr. Van went back to college — receiving a diploma from Indiana State Normal, a bache-

lor's degree from Indiana University, and a master's degree from the University of Chicago in preparation for college teaching.

His entry to Southern college life came in 1926 when he joined the staff at Elon College, North Carolina, as instructor in psychology and public speaking — plus being football coach. He remained at Elon for several years, taking a one year leave to work toward a doctor's degree at Indiana University.

In 1932 he came to Wadley to join the staff of Bethlehem College, the early name of Southern Union. He reports that "he taught nearly everything plus coaching football." His total salary for the year was \$65.00 plus room and board.

He returned to North Carolina the following year to marry Jewell Truitt, one of his psychology students at Elon College, who insists "she used some of his psychology on him." The newlyweds went to Winchester, Va., for a year where Dr. Van served as pastor of the Christian Church.

The Van Cleave family have three children — a daughter, Elizabeth (Mrs. Eric J. Brown), and two sons, Albert Ray Jr. and John — plus several grandchildren.

Southern Union was closed for a few months during the depression but opened again in 1934 and the Van Cleave family returned to Wadley where Dr. Van began his work as Dean of the college and pastor of two Congregational Christian Churches — New Hope and Wadley. He had been ordained by the East Alabama Association in 1932 although he had served as a lay preacher for years.

Dr. Van went to Piedmont College, Oemore, Georgia, in 1937 as head of the education department. Shortly thereafter he was named Dean and from 1945-1950 was president of the college. He was never interested in the business phase of college administra-

tion and asked to be relieved each year — finally succeeding in 1950 when he went to the deanship again.

Alabama was in the Van Cleave blood, however, and in 1952 the family again returned to Wadley. Dr. Van became Dean of the college and also pastor at the New Hope and Wadley churches. He served the New Hope church until 1955 when it was made a part of another circuit.

Elon College recognized his many contributions to the educational and religious world in 1948 by conferring upon him the honorary Doctor of Divinity degree.

Civic duties have always appealed to Dr. Van and he has made a point of identifying himself with civic needs wherever he has lived. He has been an active Kiwanian for many years, serving as a lieutenant governor in the Georgia district and holding every possible office in the Kiwanis Club at Wadley.

He was awarded the Silver Beaver citation by the Northeast Georgia Council, Boy Scouts of America, in 1949.

He was the first moderator of the Southeast Convention of Congregational Christian Churches when that body (which covers Kentucky, Tennessee, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, and West Florida) was organized in 1949.

The trustees of Southern Union College saw fit to recognize his service to that institution by awarding a "citation for meritorious service" in 1959.

Dr. Van is a member of Phi Delta Kappa, national education honorary; Pi Gamma Nu, national social science honorary, and Tau Kappa Alpha, debate and oratory honorary.

A dedication made as a youth has been — and is being — fulfilled.

Dr. Van has taught in five colleges sponsored by the Congregational Christian Churches. He has known thousands of students during his teaching career and they well remember the kindly man who believes — and practices — that education coupled with a love for mankind will produce good citizens for the Kingdom of God on earth.

